First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

September 11, 2022
10:00 am Zoom

Growing in God's Love
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:45 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**

"All Creatures of Our God", St Francis of Assisi

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DAN KIDDER-MCQUON**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Zoom Host, Worship Leader and Greeter is Rev Dan Kidder-McQuon.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Perpetual Praise"
SING 1

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **DAN KIDDER-MCQUON**

Leader: Some folks say, "There is no God."
People: We yearn to trust in Jesus and the Spirit's presence of the God who loves us.
Leader: Some folks ask, "Why do you seek God?"
People: We come, in this time, because God's grace spills over in our lives.
Leader: Some folks think, "no one cares about me."
People: We come, in this time of worship, because God has found us and brought us home.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
NCH 23

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **I Timothy 1:12-17** **DAN KIDDER-MCQUON**

SECOND READING **Luke 15:1-10** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"I Am the Light of the World"
NCH 584

MORNING MESSAGE **"Growing in God's Love"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Oh God, who is in all places, whether known or unknown,
We affirm your holiness,
Regardless of any name by which you are called.
May your ways of life, your intention for all of creation, be how we live,
think, and act in this world and beyond.
May we seek for this day
only enough for ourselves, and no more.
We ask that you forgive our over-bearing attitudes
and efforts of self-entitlement,
but only as much as we also offer such grace to others in creation around us.
Protect us God from enticing entrapment in all that would separate us from your love
and lead us away from all that creates suffering,
pain, and death for us and others.
We pray this prayer, God,
In awareness of your love that transcends all.
Your presence that reconciles,
Redeems and empowers us, together,
Now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Thank You, God",** Brian Wren **JOSHUA CATANIA**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DAN KIDDER-MCQUON**

When we could not find our way, you came searching for us.
So may our gifts be used to bring hope to those cast aside by the world,
Peace to those whose lives are troubled, and grace to all who are alone.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Cloud's Veil", Liam Lawton
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BENEDICTION **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Rejoice that lost ones have been found.
Give thanks daily that God has found you.

People: How wonderful that the lost have been found!
How exciting that God reaches out to claim us!

Leader: Join in welcoming all people whom God loves.
Go out to those who need God's mercy.

People: We receive all we need from God's hand.

Leader: Share in the joy when good fortune is shared.

People: We give thanks for God's grace.

Leader: Amen

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE **"By Whatever Name We Call You"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Dosia Carlson

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**
*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
[Musician], Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID
Rev Dan Kidder-McQuon, Zoom Host/Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Hymn Profiles:** ***The Clouds' Veil,*** by Liam Lawton is dedicated to remembrance of the September 11, 2007 national disaster bombing of the New York Trade Center Towers.__

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: **Donna Eyster, Worship Leader/Roomie Greeter.**
Margaret Harner, Zoomie Greater.

Sunday, September 18 is Hybrid Fall Kick-Off Sunday Worship. Hybrid worship (both in-person and on Zoom) resumes **NEXT SUNDAY**. Look for an announcement from our Covid Health Team for updated in person guidelines posted on our website. We look forward to being together in-person again with our geographically local folks who chose to worship in this manner. While some of us will begin in-person for worship on September 18, Ypsi UCC continues to be one **united faith community** supporting the full worship and community participation of both Roomies and Zoomies.

WeROC's Labor Day Friendraiser/Fundraiser was super-successful!! About 90 folks attended in a drizzle. Thanks to Tad who participated in the planning, preparation, and hosting of this event. Melanie Harner reports there was nice acknowledgement of Tad's enduring commitment to organize people and groups making WeROC a reality. There was a lovely tribute to Pastor Victoria James, organizing pastor of Ekklisia Church and one of the first faith communities of WeROC. Pastor Swanson provided vital leadership in moving WeROC to formation.

Thank you to all who made donations and/or represented our congregation at the event. Church Council also gave a $100 donation towards the formation of a new partner organization relationship. YFC UCC is the first local area church to formally make this commitment to WeROC. This represents a new level of collaboration between our two communities as we work together in community social justice advocacy.

Currently, there is an unprecedented amount of positive union activity in our area. Our Brothers and sisters in area unions came out and supported WeROC in a big way at the Friendraiser/Fundraiser. Now we have many opportunities to show our support for them. If we needed more proof that we're in the middle of something big, that can really affect all of us for the better, both union members and non-union members, we can just look at this week, which has seen a flurry of union activity like we haven't seen in this area for a long time.

- EMU Profs (EMU AAUP) just launched an indefinite strike as of this Wednesday morning, after 90+ vote authorizing the strike; picket sign up at https://forms.gle/9LNEfKjrxFUn4FUa9 (s
- UM Nurses, the largest union in the County, voted this week, also in the 90%+ range, to authorize a strike if needed. Support opportunities at https://www.mna-umpnc.org/.
- Washtenaw County AFSCME unions representing county mental health workers had an informational picket Wednesday at the County Adm Bldg, before the County Commission meeting (3 WeROCers were representing!)
- Starbucks workers at the Glencoe Crossing store did a 3 day strike over the weekend, demanding reinstatement of a barista/union leader fired last week, and for Starbucks to bargain with the new union. More to come for sure from Starbucks Workers United.

All these union sisters/brothers/siblings are or will be asking for visible support at events, and they will be super grateful whenever WeROC supporters can join them!

There will be no 10:00 am worship on Sunday, September 25 due to our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony.

Sunday, September 25 1:00 pm is our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony. Jenn Zibbell, 15 MID, is Team Lead for this special event. The Pet Blessing serves as our neighborhood Meet & Greet. Our participation lets folks know that there is a fun, animal loving, people loving, open and affirming faith community that they may want to check out further. Because we are a small, but mighty congregation, successfully hosting this event will require a high level of participation on our part. There will be significant neighborhood canvasing, social media marketing, site set up, greeting, and site cleanup that requires volunteers. Be on the lookout for emails from Jenn detailing how we can participate. Thank you, Jenn, for your hard work in organizing and hosting this important community outreach event for our church.

Congratulations Jenn Zibbell, MID! We are happy to announce that Ypsi UCC MID Jenn Zibbell has been called to serve as the Children and Youth Director for First Presbyterian Church Northville beginning September 1. As Jenn's UCC local church, we are excited and proud to send Jenn out to start this new phase of her ministry journey. A big thank-you to Jenn for proactively arranging with FPCN to be able to continue her leadership role in planning and implementing YFCUCC's September 30 Pet Blessing Ceremony.

Jenn expresses her deep gratitude for the support and opportunities she has received from Ypsi UCC. Jenn will continue her UCC MID discernment journey to authorized ministry with Ypsi UCC continuing to be her local church. Pastor Liz and Jenn's Local Church Discernment Committee (LCDC: Anne Marie Nicole-Turner & Rev. LeAnn Seto) look forward to partnering with FPCN Senior Pastor, Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, to support Jenn in her ordination process. We wish Jenn continued spiritual growth, love, and God's blessing as she begins this new ministry expression. We will miss Jenn and Tito during weekly worship. We look forward to the time their schedules may allow them to attend an YFC Friendship Lunch or other Ypsi UCC gathering in the future.

Visioning Gatherings continue beginning Oct 3 on Mondays 7:00 pm via Zoom:
Pastor Liz will lead us in doing the follow-up communal discernment work of identifying Ypsi UCC's unique combination of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" based on our spring book study on Susan Beaumont's How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season. All are invited to participate in this important conversation about where God's Spirit is calling our faith community to serve at this critical juncture in our church's life cycle. In preparation, it would be ideal to re-read the whole book. In a nod to our busy schedules—if this is not possible—please focus on re-reading Chapter 6: "Clarifying Purpose: Who Do We Choose to Be?" Pages 113-133. Looking forward to engaging in this meaningful exploration together!

Rev. Cheryl Burke, Associate Conference Minister, Michigan Conference UCC, will be our guest preacher on October 30. Cheryl will offer a message on "Transitions" grounded in Susan Beaumont's book. There will be a Friendship Time Lunch after worship where we can continue the conversation more casually. Thank you, Cheryl, for sharing your gifts and expertise in support of our Monday evening communal discernment gatherings based on Beaumont's work. We look forward to your in-person visit.

Holy Grounds Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy becomes an official "Ministry" of Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain.

While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout.

The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry. Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419t to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413**.**

Follow-up to Heather McGhee book study. The Sum of Us: What Racism Cost Everyone by Heather McGhee was one of our book studies last Fall. Tad Wysor has found a new podcast of her which he recommends to all of us. Check it out and as Tad said, let's keep stirring the pot and keep those awesome conversations elicited by the book going!!!

https://open.spotify.com/episode/30VumyrlhkZzhJ20FRYHlT?si=aUX4Qi_pSTCPnCI_i38et4EQ

Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15-October 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month traditionally honors the culture and contributions of both Latino and Hispanic Americans. The history and accomplishments of these groups continue to shape our country. Below is a timeline which speaks to the road from the beginning of our country to today.

1777

Fighting for Freedom

The Spanish governor of Louisiana, Bernardo de Gálvez, joins General George Washington's fight against British soldiers and helps win independence.

1845

Texas Becomes a U.S. State

Texas joins the Union as the 28th state — Mexico had controlled the territory until 1836 when Texas won its independence.

1945

Brothers in Arms

Over 300,000 Latinos enlist in the American military and fight in World War II.

1960s

Call for Recognition

The push to recognize the Latinx community gains momentum when the civil rights movement is at its peak.

June, 1968

Hispanic Heritage Week

California Congressman George E. Brown introduces Hispanic Heritage Week.

1988

Month Established

Hispanic Heritage Week is first observed under President Lyndon B. Johnson but it is Ronald Reagan who extends it to a month-long celebration.

Largest Minority

The Hispanic population of the United States totals 60.6 million people, making it the largest ethnic minority.

2020

Highlighting Hispanic Employees

The U.S. Department of State highlights biographies of outstanding Hispanic employees who support diplomatic efforts around the world.

https://nationaltoday.com/hispanic-heritage-month/

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

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THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each

detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

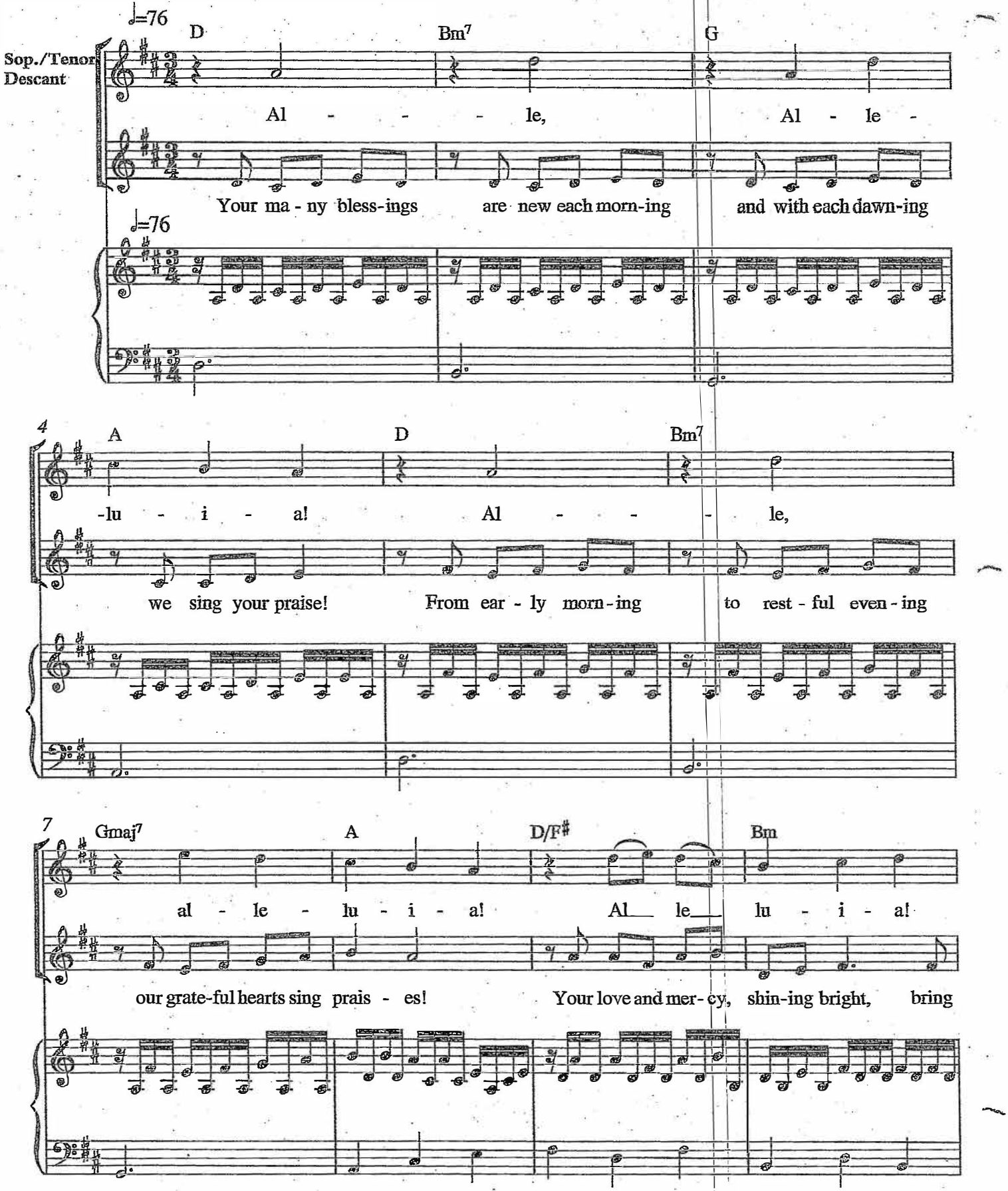
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Perpetual Praise!

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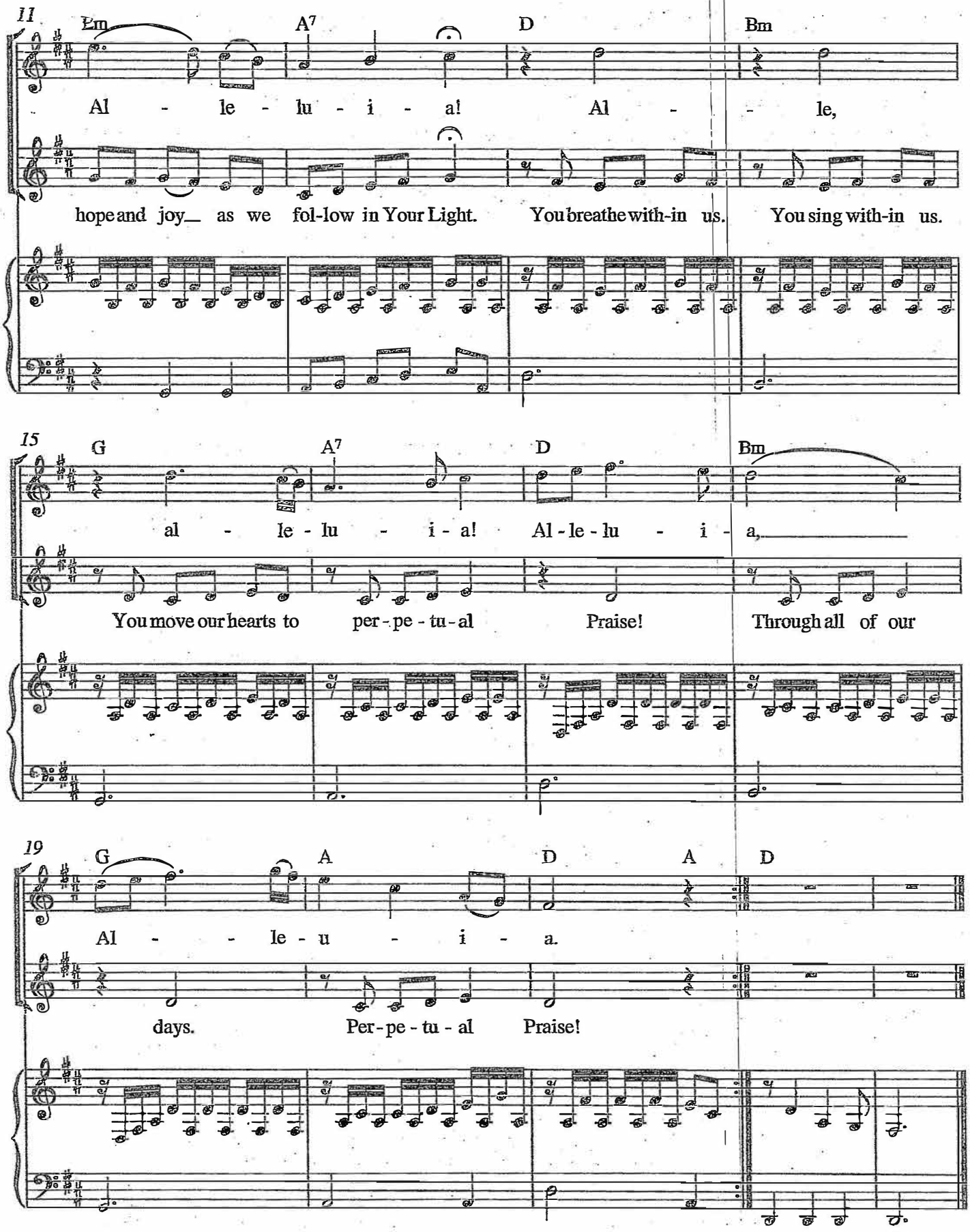
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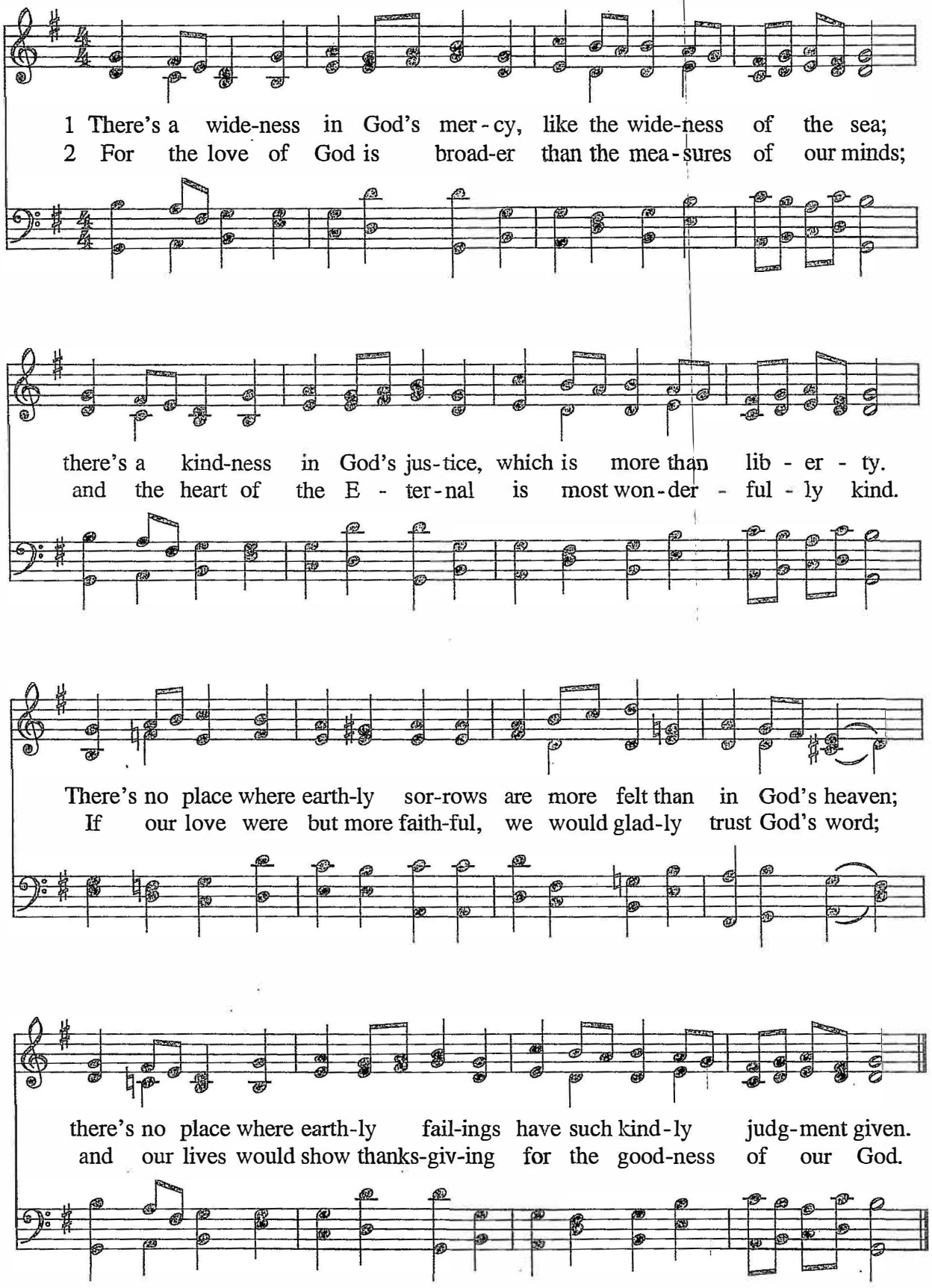
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

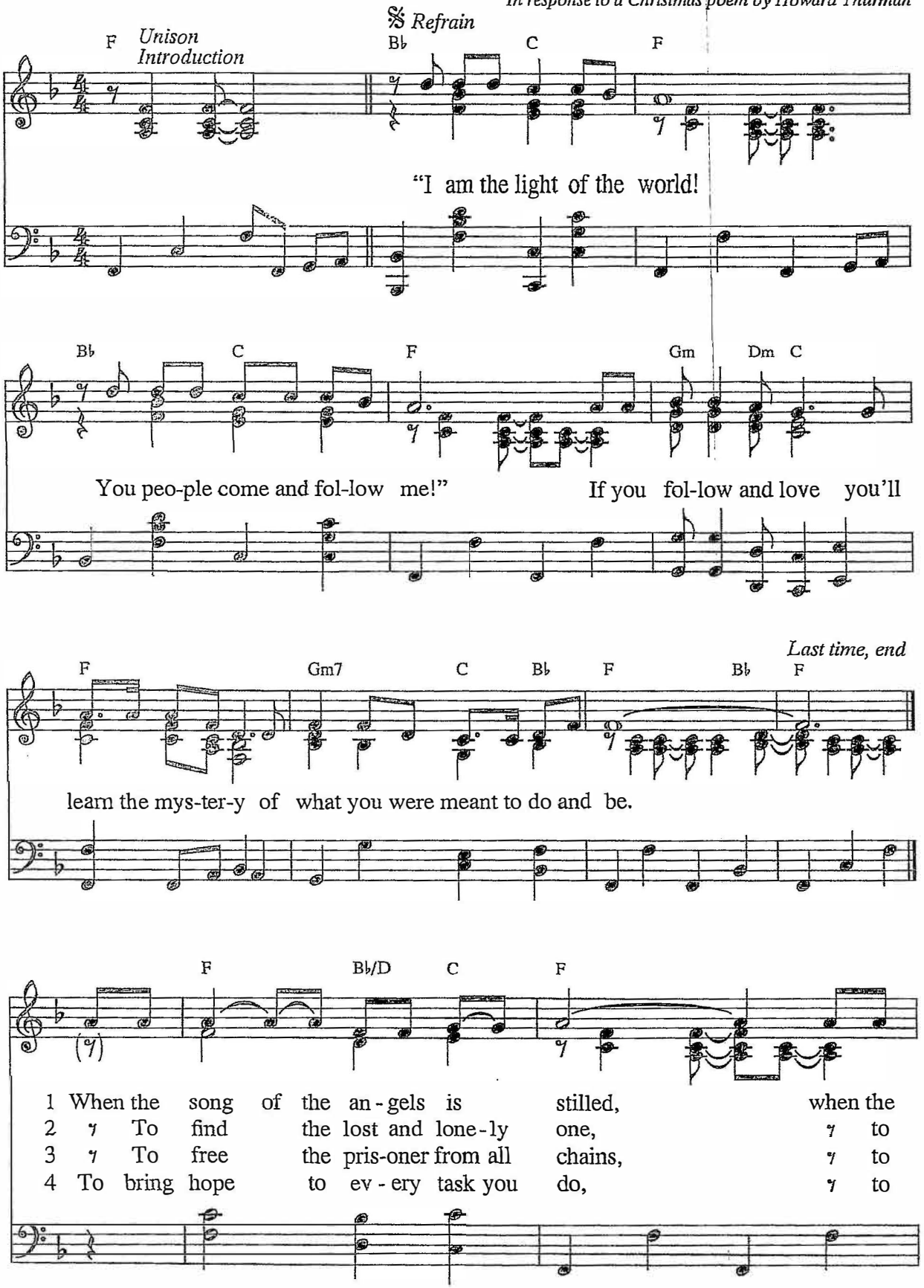
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;
there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.
There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;
there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

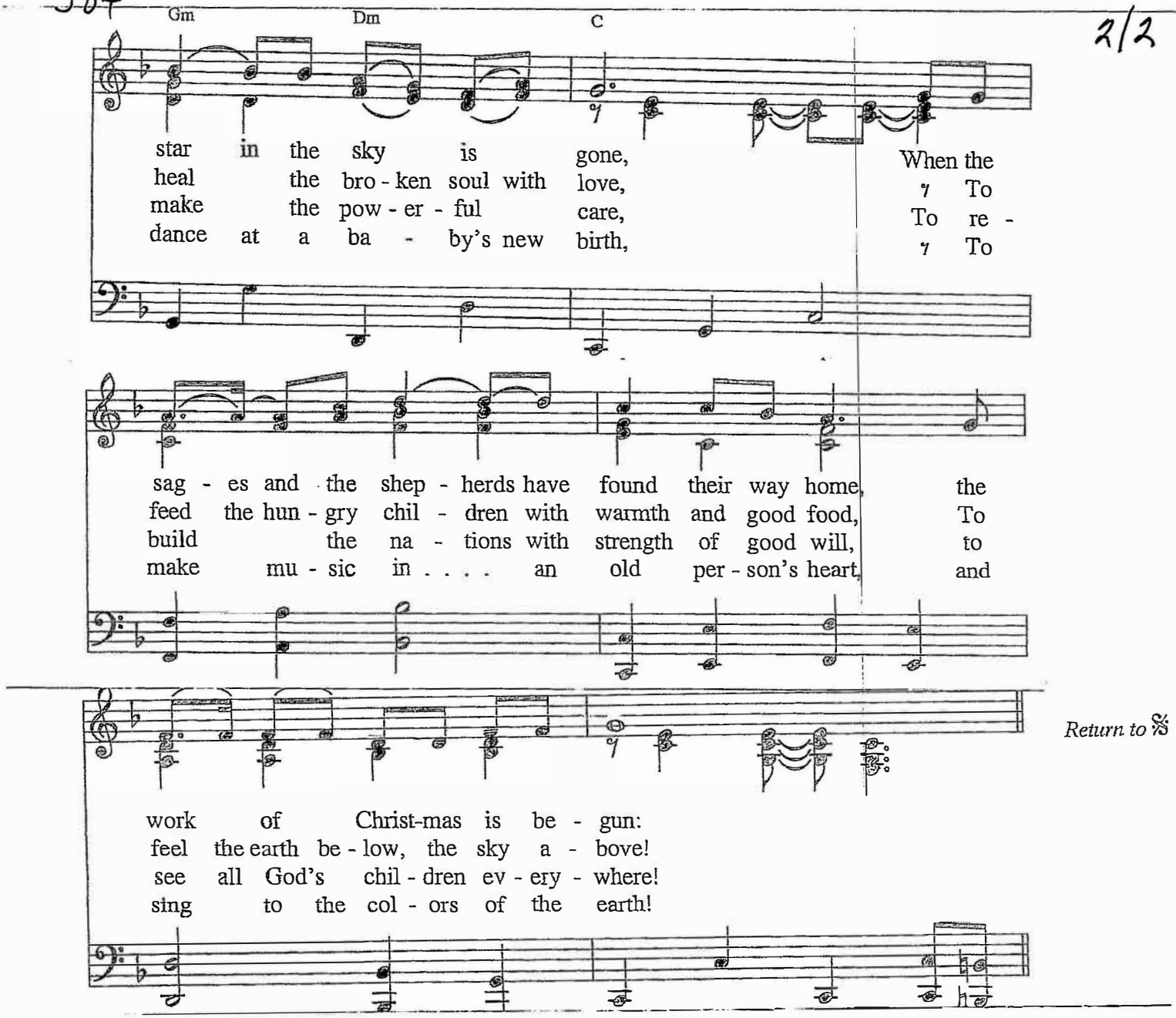
Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

584 I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981
In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

F Unison Introduction
𝄋 Refrain
B♭ C F
"I am the light of the world!
B♭ C F Gm Dm C
You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll
Last time, end
F Gm7 C B♭ F B♭ F
learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.
F B♭/D C F
1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the
2 𝄾 To find the lost and lone-ly one, 𝄾 to
3 𝄾 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 𝄾 to
4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 𝄾 to

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.
Jim Strathdee, 1969

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star in the sky is gone, When the
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make the pow - er - ful care, To re -
dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To
sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the
feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To
build the na - tions with strength of good will, to
make mu - sic in . . . . an old per - son's heart, and
Return to 𝄋
work of Christ-mas is be - gun:
feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!
see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!
sing to the col - ors of the earth!

584 I Am the Light of the World

Jim Strathdee (b. 1941) based this text on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman. He used it during Epiphany at Temple United Methodist Church in Los Angeles. It was taken to Central America by a Methodist bishop who was visiting in Los Angeles and is widely sung in Nicaragua and Honduras.

Jim Strathdee (b. 1941) wrote this song to meet the needs of an inner-city congregation in California. He named it LIGHT OF THE WORLD from the words of the refrain. The hymn was translated into Spanish and became popular in Panama and throughout Latin America.

Jim Strathdee and his wife, Jean, have traveled for more than twenty years, conducting workshops and leading conferences on church music. Strathdee continues to compose music for the wider church. In 1990, he became music director at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento, California.

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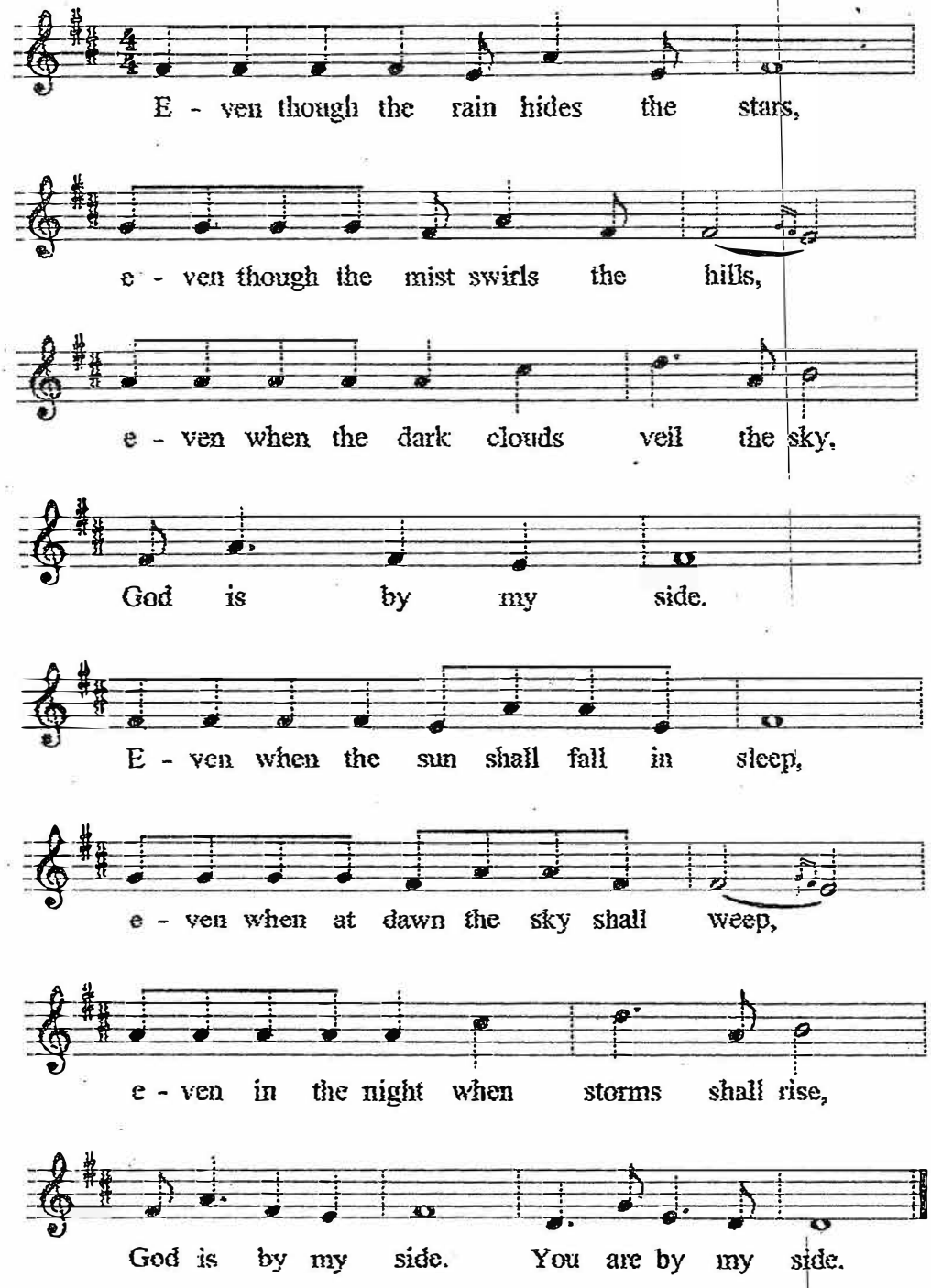
THE CLOUDS' VEIL

Liam Lawton

E - ven though the rain hides the stars,
e - ven though the mist swirls the hills,
e - ven when the dark clouds veil the sky,
God is by my side.
E - ven when the sun shall fall in sleep,
e - ven when at dawn the sky shall weep,
e - ven in the night when storms shall rise,
God is by my side. You are by my side.

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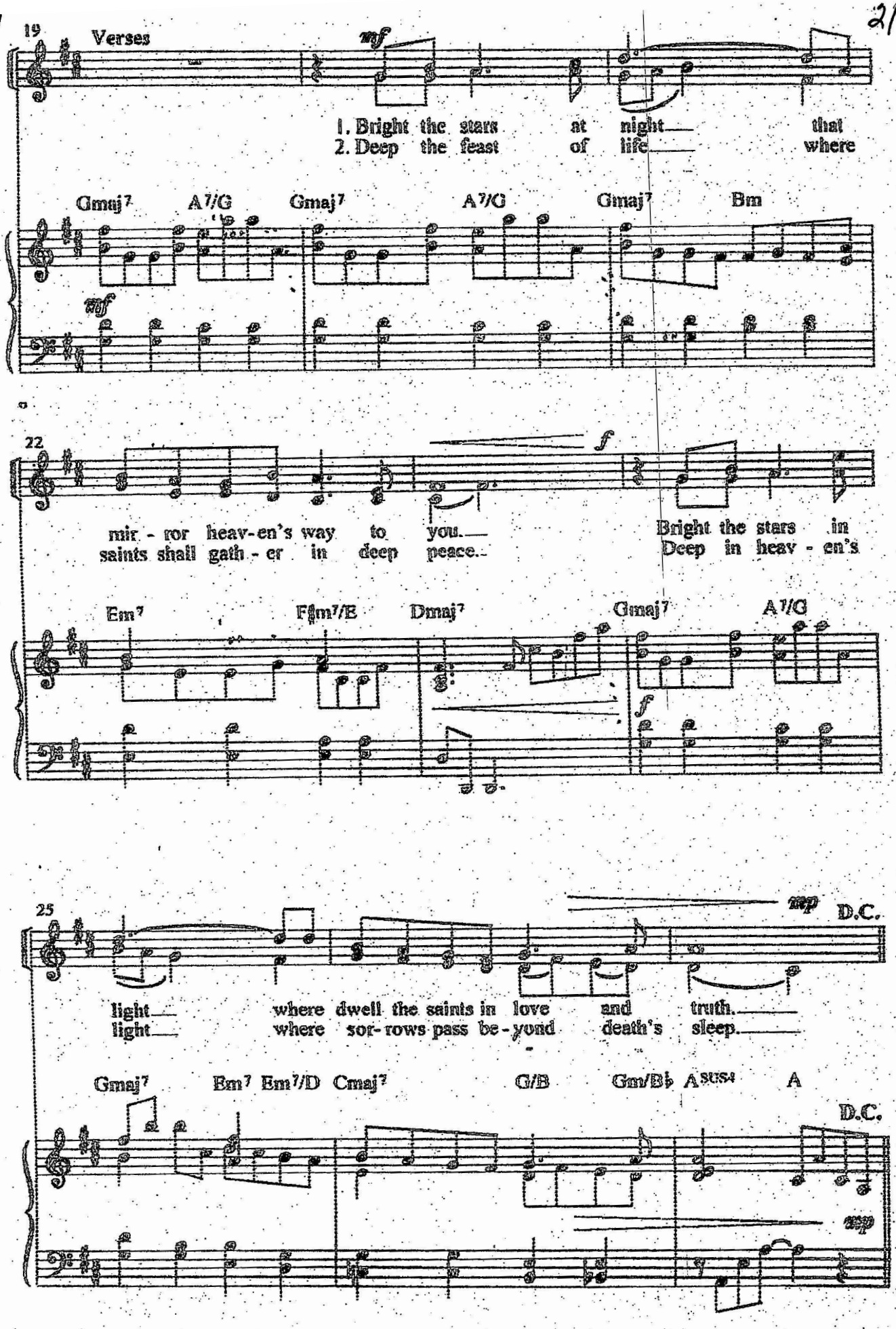
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Verses
mf
1. Bright the stars at night that
2. Deep the feast of life where
Gmaj7 A7/G Gmaj7 A7/G Gmaj7 Bm
mf
22
f
mir - ror heav-en's way to you.
saints shall gath - er in deep peace.
Bright the stars in
Deep in heav - en's
Em7 F♯m7/E Dmaj7 Gmaj7 A7/G
f
25
mp
D.C.
light
light
where dwell the saints in love and truth.
where sor- rows pass be - yond death's sleep.
Gmaj7 Em7 Em7/D Cmaj7 G/B Gm/B♭ Asus4 A
D.C.
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